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SUPPLYING ENERGY TO ELECTRICALLY CONTROLLED
BRAKE THROUGH BRAKE CONTROLLER UPON
OPERATION OF BRAKE OPERATING MEMBER

GROUP ART UNIT : 3613

EXAMINER : M. BURCH

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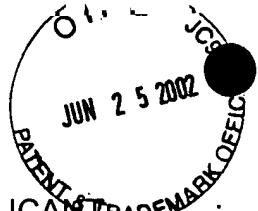
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CONCISE EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE OF INFORMATION NOT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

JP-A-H6-127317 (publication of unexamined Japanese Patent Application laid open in 1994) discloses a braking system including an electric power source device (2), a brake operating member (16), a master cylinder (17), an accumulator (18), wheel brake cylinders (19), an electric motor (M), and a pump (P) which is to be activated by the electric motor (M) for supplying a working fluid to the accumulator (18). The braking system further includes a switching device (4, 6) disposed between the electric power source device (2) and the electric motor (M). The switching device (4, 6) includes an ignition switch (4) and a switch (6) which is connected in parallel with the ignition switch (4) and which can be turned on and off in response to an operation of the brake operating member (16).

JP-A-H10-217936 (publication of unexamined Japanese Patent Application laid open in 1998) discloses a braking system in which electrically-operated fluid-pressure controlling valves (34a, 34d) and electrically-operated switching valves (35a, 35d) are connected in parallel to an electric power source device (37) through an electrical-power-source supplying valve (38), while electrically-operated fluid-pressure controlling valves (34b, 34c) and electrically-operated switching valves (35b, 35c) are connected in parallel to the electric power source device (37) through an electrical-power-source supplying valve (39). Another electric power source device (43) is provided to be connected to the electrical-power-source supplying valves (38, 39), so as to energize or de-energize coils (38A, 39A) of the electrical-power-source supplying valves (38, 39). When a failure of one of the electrically-operated fluid-pressure controlling valves (34a, 34d) is detected by abnormality detecting means (50), for example, the corresponding electrical-power-source supplying valve (38) is placed in its closed

state for placing the valves (34a, 34d, 35a, 35d) in their de-energized states, so that a master cylinder (12) is communicated with wheel brake cylinders (28a, 28d) via the valves (35a, 35d).

